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Dear Dick,

This is merely an update so I won't froget next time there is occasion to write you. I've come to another pause in writing and have to collect and reread files prior to resuming writing.

The second chapter od the third part is being retyped now.

I've begun the missing chapter of the first part.

Jim Lesar is to visit May on the way back from a Florida court appearance. He should be home tonight. We'll then know Ray's execution to losing in 6th circuit.

I'll be leaving tomorrow for two days. Status call in the King suit Tuesday. We'll be less prepared than we'd like but I hope more prepared than necessary. The court papers in this case are the length of a book already. (In a case really against the CIA but with it not a named respondent Jim has just filed another 75-100 pages. In this case we have not even had a status call yet.)

On CIA: in explaining my disguising of real names in the opening of the second chapter it seemed appropriate to give specifics in explanation. I have, therefore, woven in some of the CIA's files on me. This includes the King assassination.

I told you of a visit from a Hollywood friend whose field, alas, is production. He has just phoned to ask if he should accept a friend's offer to speak to the production company that did Executive Action. His friend is the son of a network vice president. The son is interested. The father likes his job better than his son's importunings.

Despite my dislike of Executive Action, which I regard as a work helpful to spookdom and disinformation operations and despite my knowledge that people within that production company hired someone else to try to steal my King work, I've told him to explore the possibilities. The probability is that, having tried the theft without success, they will not be interested. But why now find out? This outfit had an interest, learned it could not steal successfully & and it and their hired thief are saying each other - so I see nothing to lose and perhaps a chance. I have another entree there but am not using it for special reasons. And because I know of still other and ongoing attempts at theft there may be some protection if an interest is manifested. If something does come of this, which I do not expect now, it is probably better to start in Hollywood in terms of book rights and percentages.

I have written you about the CIA and behavioral modification. There has been a new development I'll not take time for giving you in full detail. I have a secret, informed source. I have sent him pages of an unpublished CIA Inspector General's report on this. My full file has not been returned. My source has spotted some even more terrifying elements of these programs. He had told me of them earlier. Now we have it in secret documents. It gets into a real-life Manchurian Candidate method. Not, however, hypnosis. Response to actual accoustical commands.

I've had a couple of relatively bad days, with the swollen legs swelling more. This seems to have eased off. I feel okay today. I'm able to wear the new "obst supports I had to remove Sunday. Without the stretching from wearing they were intolerable. Yesterday the old ones were uncomfortable. But with the reduction in the sudden swelling all seems to be well. Except silence from the CIA doctor, to whom I did write.

My immediate writing plans are to complete this chapter then complete the second incomplete Foreman chapter and then get into whatever I have by then obtained from the FBI and the Department of Justice...The typist is finding the book fascinating. She was a State Police secretary years ago. She has told me of typing intelligence reports on me.

Ho, hum.